

Springtime Activities for Thursday

<i>On the Move</i>
Bug Swat: Draw bugs on concrete using colored chalk. Have your toddler swat the bugs using a plastic fly swatter or a paper plate.
<i>Adventures Online</i>
Spring Bugs: Springtime time we start to see a lot of different bugs. Watch the video and name and label the bugs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnsBMUzZUAs As you watch the video encourage language growth by repeating and adding to what they say and do. This will help build your child's vocabulary and language skills.
<i>Sensory Time</i>
Water Scoop and Transfer: Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large shallow plastic storage container• Smaller shallow plastic storage container• Ladle• Slotted spoon• Bath toys Instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fill the smaller plastic container with enough water for the toys to float2. Float the bath toys in the water3. Show your child how to use the slotted spoon and ladle to scoop the toys out of the water and put them into the larger container. Talk about what they are doing as they do it. Explain things like, "You scooped it UP! You put it IN the big box." Count with them as they move the toys. Celebrate their successes by cheering them on!
<i>Story Time</i>
Write a Story About Spring: Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crayons, markers or paint• Paper Instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have your child look outside and ask about signs of spring that they see.2. Ask them to draw what they see.3. Once they create their picture work with them to create a story about their picture. Have them dictate to you what they drew, and you write the words for them. It's always important to be silly and have fun!
<i>Arts and Creativity</i>
Tambourine:

Make a tambourine out of two paper plates! Your child can decorate their tambourine with crayons, stickers, or paint.

Materials Needed:

- Paper plates-heavier duty ones work best (2)
- Stapler, duct or packing tape
- Crayons, markers, paint or stickers (optional)
- Beans, rice, corn kernels, or dried pasta, small rocks or acorns from the yard***

Instructions:

1. Have your child decorate the backside of their two plates.
2. Add the beans, rice, corn kernels, rocks or acorns to the inside of one plate
3. Place the second plate on top of the first, so the bottoms are facing out.
4. Use the stapler to staple the two plates together- staple very close together all around the edge, then reinforce with tape.

Put on some music and shake tambourines to the beat! Sing a favorite song and shake your tambourines as you sing.

***Please be aware that small items such as these can be a choking hazard.